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MCF-LW06424 Operating Manual

Important safety information



Read this manual before attempting to install the device! Failure to observe recommendations included in this manual may be dangerous or cause a violation of the law. The manufacturer will not be held responsible for any loss or damage resulting from not following the instructions of this operating manual.

- Do not dismantle or modify in any way.
- Avoid mechanical stress
- Do not use any detergent or alcohol to clean the device.

Disposal information for users



Pursuant to and in accordance with Article 14 of the Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), and pursuant to and in accordance with Article 20 of the Directive 2013/56/EU of the European Parliament on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries.

The barred symbol of the rubbish bin shown on the equipment indicates that, at the end of its useful life, the product must be collected separately from other waste.

Please note that the lithium batteries must be removed from the equipment before it is given as waste and disposed separately. To remove the batteries refer to the specifications in the user manual. For additional information and how to carry out disposal, please contact the certified disposal service providers.

1. Description

MCF-LW06424 is able to read 4 analog inputs 4-20mA with a resolution of 12bit. The inputs have an insulation of 1000Vdc with respect to the power supply, and are protected against polarity inversion.



MCF-LW06424 is available with DIN rail option (MCF-DIN105):



2. Overview

2.1 Technical data

- CPU Cortex M4
- RTC
- EEPROM 32KB
- Flash 1MB
- Encryption AES 128 bit
- LiPo 800mAh rechargeable battery
- Class C LoRaWAN® stack EU868, AS923, AU915, US915
- 1000Vdc isolated analog inputs
- 4 analog current inputs 4-20mA 12bits and disconnect alarm
- 4 programmable thresholds for each channel
- USB On The Go
- IoT node setup and firmware upgrade via USB interface
- Power supply 10÷36Vdc
- Storage temperature range -20°C ÷ +80°C
- Working temperature range -10°C ÷ +70°C
- Dimensions L x H x P: 81 x 60 x 50mm

3 Installation

3.1 Connection

3.1.1 Power connection as stand-alone device

Please refer to following connections:



pin Name Description

J3.9 GND Negative power supply (BLACK)

J3.10 VDD Positive power supply range [10-36Vdc] (RED)

Power can also be supplied by USB.

3.1.2 Power connection with DIN rail option

Please refer to following connections:



Power supply:

Pin Name Description

J2.1Vdc Positive power supply range [10-36Vdc]

J2.2GND Negative power supply

Power can also be supplied by USB.

3.1.3 Antenna

The magnetic antenna must be positioned on a metal body. It should preferably be vertical and at least 30 cm away from other metal bodies. The installation must take place in a place where the LoRaWAN® signal coverage is good (SF=7 optimal, SF=12 weak). Use the provided clip to hold the antenna connector in place, as in the picture:



3.2 Analog inputs



Pin	Name	Description	Range	Resolution
J1.1	AI1	Analog input	1 4-20mA	12 bit
J1.2	GA	Common		
J1.3	AI2	Analog input	2 4-20mA	12 bit
J1.4	GA	Common		
J1.5	AI3	Analog input	3 4-20mA	12 bit
J1.6	GA	Common		
J1.7	AI4	Analog input	4 4-20mA	12 bit
J1.8	GA	Common		

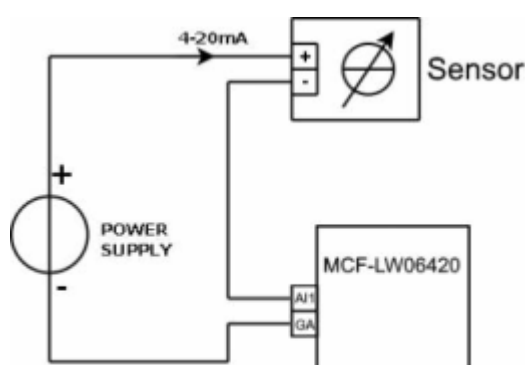
Current Loop (4-20mA)	
Input resistance	125Ω
Absolute maximum value	24mA
Max error	±0.1%
Insulation	1000Vdc

Current values less than 3mA generate a "disconnected sensor" condition.

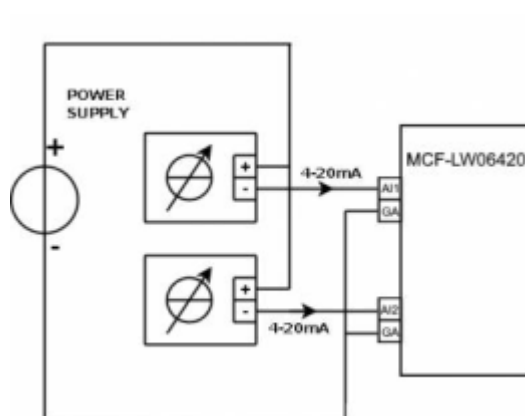
Caution: inputs are not galvanically isolated from each other.

3.2.1 Connection examples

1 sensor



2 sensors



3.3 Configuration

To deploy the sensor, use **LoRaWEB** online tool, to setup LoRaWAN® credentials and other preferences (only available for Windows®) :

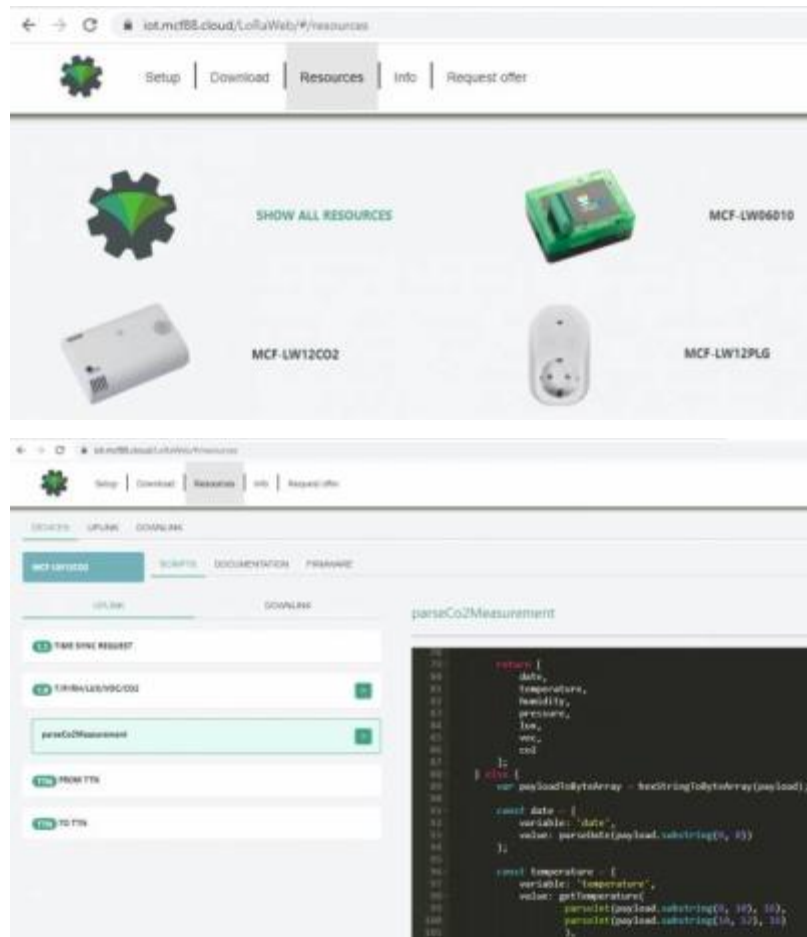
LoRaWEB Tool (iot.mcf88.cloud/LoRaWeb)

Before connect the device the first time, please install LoRaBridge applications and drivers:







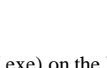
<https://iot.mcf88.cloud/LoRaWeb/#/download>

Validate your settings reading data after the write.

enginko provides, upon free registration, user manuals, javascript examples, downlink generator, uplink decoder, firmware updates and different tools :

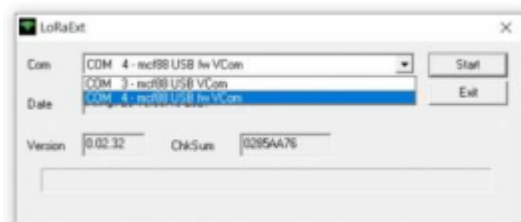


3.4 System led

LoRaWAN@not configured		Slow flashing
Joining		Quick flashing
Sending		Quick flashing
Receiving		Quick flashing
Steady state		Fixed
Data error		Flashing 2 seconds
Connection error		Flashing 1 second

3.5 Firmware update

Save the new firmware file (.exe) on the PC, run the file, select the USB FW port and start the update:




and waiting for the end message.

4. Setup


[Setup](#)
[Download](#)
[Online documentation](#)
[Info](#)
[Request offer](#)

Status: **DISABLED NONE**



Device
 MCF-LW06424

DevEUI
 70B3740F5007070A

Class
 C

Firmware version
 0.02.55

Checksum
 026BF48B

LoRa Version
 2.00.167

Last Reading
 Device: 2018/01/01 00:00:54
 Local: 2022/02/15 14:45:00

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Help ⓘ

LoRaBridge Port 8100

COM Port COM3 - mcf88 USB VC

SETUP

DIAGNOSTIC

ADVANCED

Options

Led working
☒ Yes ☐ No

Time Sync uplink
☒ Yes ☐ No

Confirmed Uplinks
☐ Yes ☒ No

Single Join/Day
☐ Yes ☒ No

Period [min]

Thresholds

1 Enable

	Bit	mA
Threshold High	+	<input type="text" value="0"/> 4.000
	-	<input type="text" value="0"/> 4.000
Threshold Low	+	<input type="text" value="0"/> 4.000
	-	<input type="text" value="0"/> 4.000

Others

USB
☒ Standard ☐ Debug

Timezone

4.1 Period

Period is the interval (in minutes) between one measure and the next one. The sensor sends one measures for every transmission. Value can be between 15 and 65535 minutes (default: 30 minutes).

Period interval can be set with LoRaWEB or with downlink command.

4.2 Thresholds

SETUP

DIAGNOSTIC

ADVANCED

Options

Led working

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

Time Sync uplink

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

Confirmed Uplinks

☐ Yes
 ☒ No

Single Join/Day

☐ Yes
 ☒ No

Period [min]

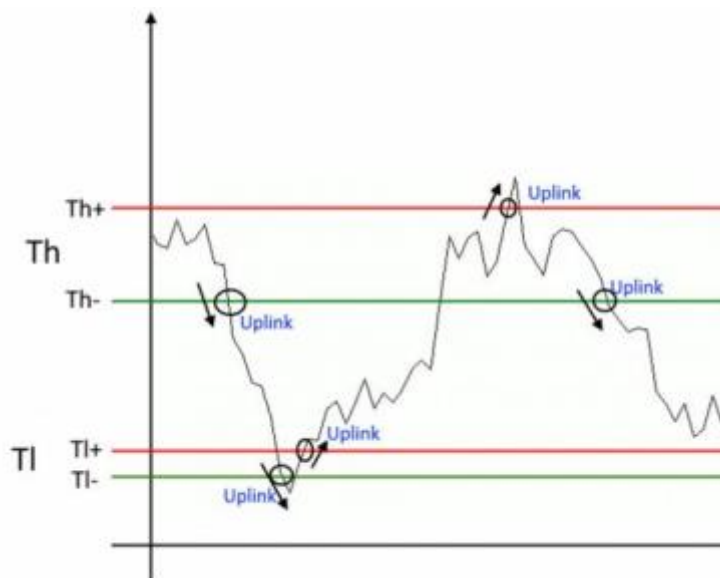
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Thresholds

		1	2	3
		Enable	Enable	Enable
		Bit	mA	Bit
Threshold High	+	0	4.000	0
	-	0	4.000	0
Threshold Low	+	0	4.000	0
	-	0	4.000	0

On the MCF-LW06424 is possible to set 4 thresholds for each channel:

$Th+$ = Threshold High Rising
 $Th-$ = Threshold High Falling
 $Tl+$ = Threshold Low Rising
 $Tl-$ = Threshold Low Falling



When target values are rising and exceed the positive thresholds, the device sends an uplink with the latest measure.

When values are falling below the negative thresholds, the device sends a new uplink with the latest measure.

Thresholds can be enabled, disabled and changed via USB with LoRaWEB or with downlinks:

Channel 1 thresholds
high enabled

Channel 2 thresholds
high disabled

Thresholds

1

Disable

2

Enable

Threshold value (in bits)

Bit

mA

Bit

mA

Threshold High

+

3072

Th+

16.003

0

4.000

Threshold High

-

2048

Th-

12.002

0

4.000

1

Disable

2

Enable

Threshold Low

+

1024

Tl+

8.001

0

4.000

Threshold Low

-

512

Tl-

6.000

0

4.000

Chanel 1 thresholds
low enabled

Channel 2 thresholds
high disabled

4.3 Other settings

DST:

set to change DST (default: none).

Time sync uplink:

set to disable time synchronization request (default: enabled).



Normally sensor asks for a time sync at every power on (uplink starting with 01) or once a week. If no or wrong reply received, it will retry after 1 week. If not handled in the right way can generate unnecessary traffic on the network.

Please check chapter 2.1. [DATA FRAME FORMAT](#)

Confirmed Uplinks:

set for unconfirmed uplinks (default: confirmed uplink).

Single join/day:

set for to allow only one join per day (default: multiple join allowed).

LED working:

Set OFF to turn off the diagnostic led.

USB:

Internal use.

5. Diagnostic

SETUP

DIAGNOSTIC

ADVANCED

Check

Status

Status

OK

In 1 [4-20mA]

19.992 mA

In 2 [4-20mA]

4.000 mA

In 3 [4-20mA]

Underflow ⚠

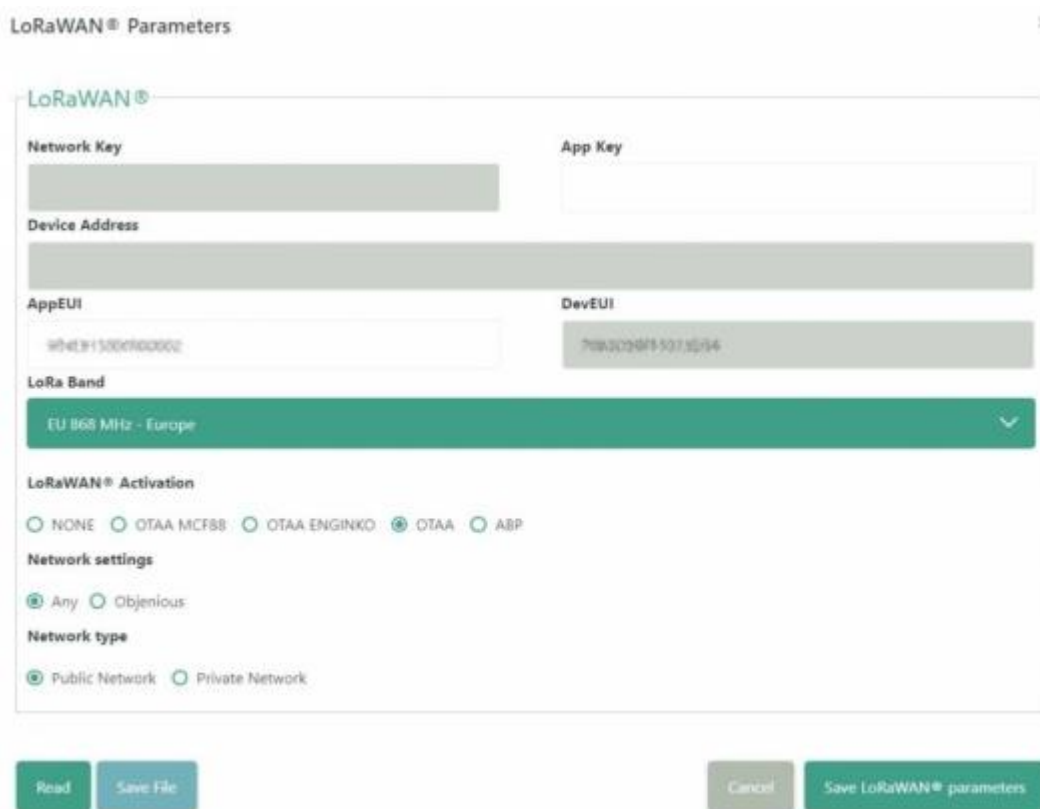
In 4 [4-20mA]

Underflow ⚠

Press **Check** to see the analog values.

6 LoRaWAN network

The sensor is compliant with LoRaWAN[®] specification 1.0.2, regional 1.0.2b.



LoRaWAN[®] Parameters

LoRaWAN[®]

Network Key: [Empty field]

App Key: [Empty field]

Device Address: [Empty field]

AppEUI: 904e915000000002

DevEUI: 70b3c2a8f5073d34

LoRa Band: EU 868 MHz - Europe

LoRaWAN[®] Activation: ☐ NONE ☐ OTAA MCF88 ☐ OTAA ENGINKO ☒ OTAA ☐ ABP

Network settings: ☒ Any ☐ Objenious

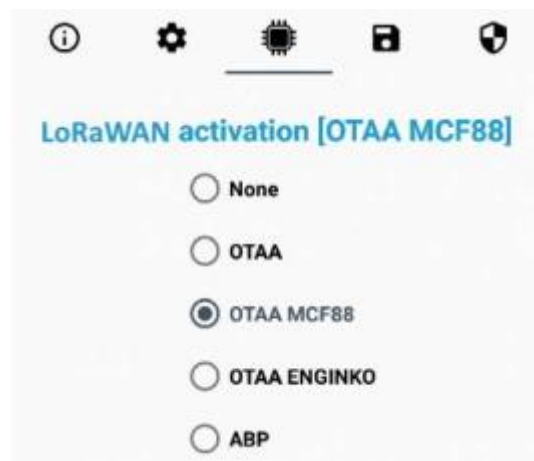
Network type: ☒ Public Network ☐ Private Network

Buttons: Read, Save File, Cancel, Save LoRaWAN[®] parameters

6.1 Activation

The device supports the following activations on a LoRaWAN[®] network:

1. **NONE**: sensor not activated
2. **OTAA**: the JoinEUI and the AppKey not setted, must be written to the device;
3. **OTAA MCF88**: Over the air activation, fixed keys: JoinEUI = 904e915000000002, AppKey on request;
4. **OTAA ENGINKO**: Over the air activation, fixed keys: JoinEUI = 904e915000000002, AppKey on request;
5. **ABP**: requires writing to the device of NwkSkey, AppSkey, DevAddr.



LoRaWAN activation [OTAA MCF88]

☐ None

☐ OTAA

☒ OTAA MCF88

☐ OTAA ENGINKO

☐ ABP

The device exits factory activated with **NONE** mode. On request devices can be shipped already activated.

Note: in **OTAA** AppKey is write only, in reading the field will always be empty, even if set.

6.2 Other settings

Network settings:

please keep "Any" settings. Change it only if Objenious network is used (default_ any).

Network type:

LoRa syncword can be setted as "private"(0x12) instead "public" (0x34), but the NS must be setted accordingly(default: public).

Band:

select the right LoRaWAN[®] band settings accodigly to country requirements.

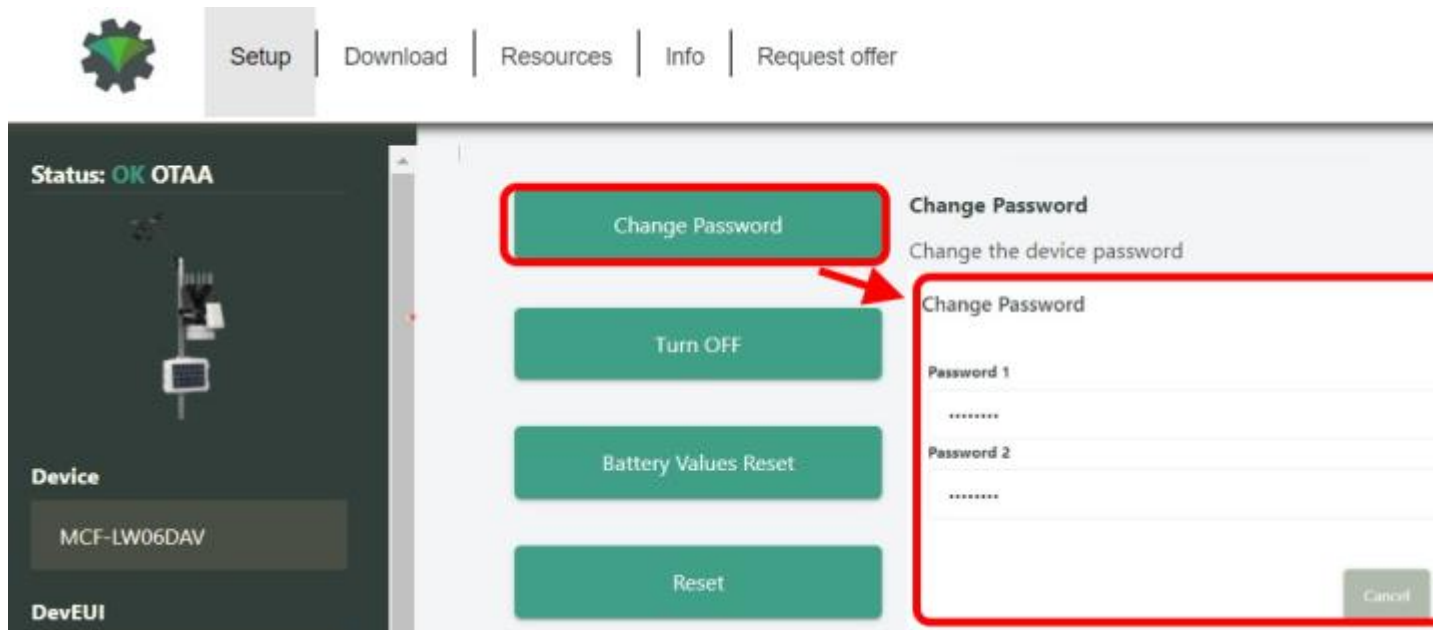
7 Passwords

The device can be protected by passwords, to avoid unauthorized persons to read data or modify parameters.

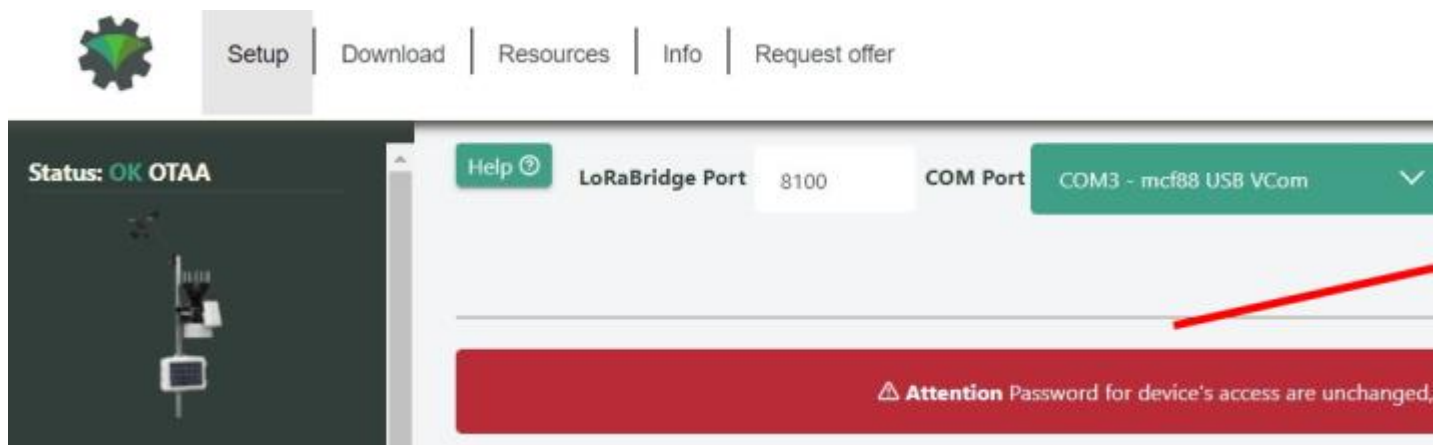
As default passwords are equal to 0.

Allowed values range from 0 to 999999999 (only numbers).

To change the passwords, set the new values with LoRaWEB:



Once the passwords are set, to gain access from LoRaWEB to the sensor, set the right values before reading from the device:

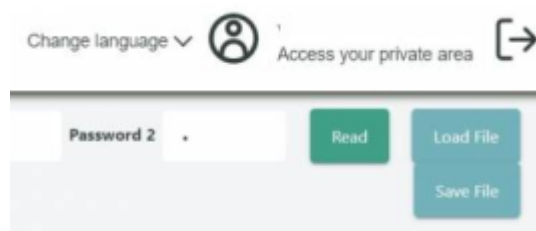


To bring back the sensor to factory default and reset the passwords, a reset code must be requested to enginko (please provide the DevEUI of the sensor when you ask for that code).

8 General configuration file

With LoRaWEB is possible to configure the device using an XML file, instead to manually adjust the parameters (for details about the file format please ask to enginko). This is very useful especially in case of multiple devices configuration.

With "Save" button an XML file with the actual configuration of the sensor will be generated. This is useful to store or clone the configuration, or to send it to enginko's support if needed.



8.1 Multi devices configuration

With LoRaWEB is possible to configure many devices in an easy way.

For multi-configuration is needed at least one XML file with the parameters to set.

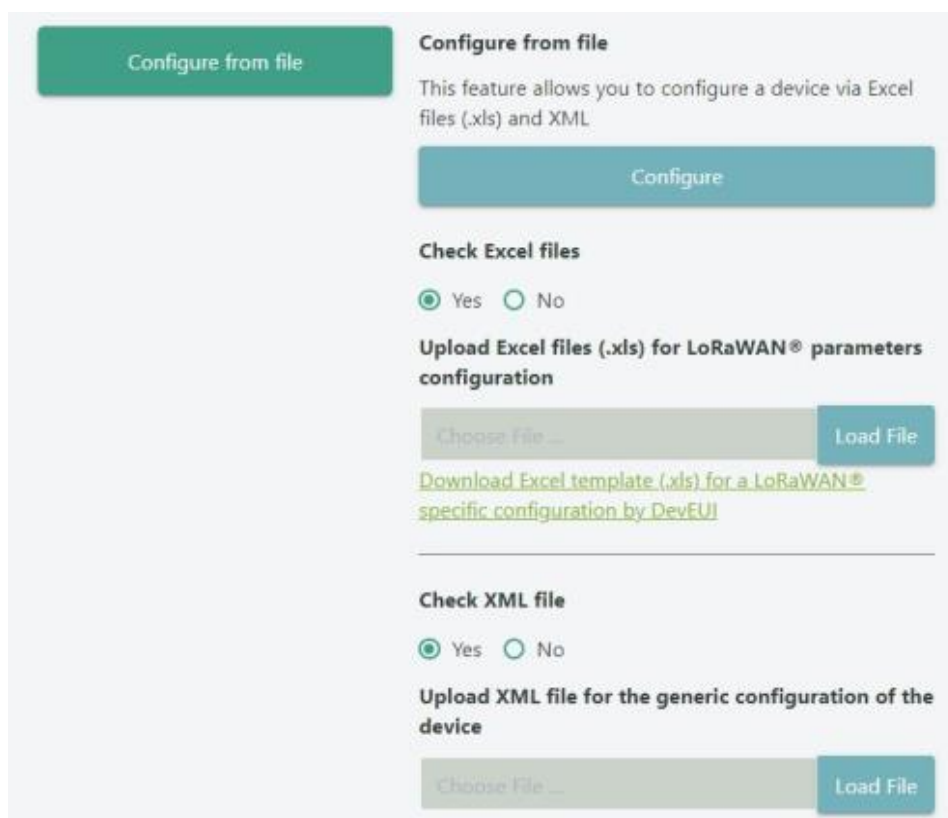
Settings on this file will be applied to all the sensors.

With an additional XLS file is possible to load different LoRa configuration parameters (Activation Type, AppKey, AppEUI, NetKey, DevAddress, Band, Private option) for each sensor, based on DevEUI.

XLS is prevailing on the XML, so if both files are enabled, if the DevEUI of the device matches one of the DevEUIs in the XLS file, LoRa parameters will be setted from this one.

These configuration can be done in the in the Settings:

- Use of the general configuration by file;
- Use of the specific configuration by file.



Configure from file

This feature allows you to configure a device via Excel files (.xls) and XML

Configure

Check Excel files

☒ Yes ☐ No

Upload Excel files (.xls) for LoRaWAN® parameters configuration

Choose File ... **Load File**

[Download Excel template \(.xls\) for a LoRaWAN® specific configuration by DevEUI](#)

Check XML file

☒ Yes ☐ No

Upload XML file for the generic configuration of the device

Choose File ... **Load File**

For details on files format please ask to enginko.

9 Payload

DATA FRAME FORMAT

For payload descriptions, uplinks and downlinks format and available commands please refer to this document:

10 Ordering code

Code	Description
MCF-LW06424	4-20mA to LoRaWAN® interface EU863-870
MCF-LW06424-AS	4-20mA to LoRaWAN® interface AS920-925
MCF-LW06424-US	4-20mA to LoRaWAN® interface US902-928
MCF-LW06424-AU	4-20mA to LoRaWAN® interface AU915-928

DATA FRAME FORMAT

For payload descriptions, uplinks and downlinks format and available commands please refer to this document:

11 Declaration of conformity

Hereby, enginko Srl declares that MCF-LW06424 complies with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU.

12 FCC compliance for MCF-LW06424-US

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Contains FCC ID: 2AWAL409810

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